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So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 231, I inadvertently missed the vote. Had I been present on the floor I would have voted "aye."

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall 231, passage of H. Con. Res. 331. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on May 25, 2000, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall votes: No. 229, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 511, Providing for the Consideration of H.R. 3916, to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Repeal the Excise Tax on Telephone and Other Communication Services; No. 230 on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 511; and No. 231 on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Con. Res. 331, Commending Israel's Redeployment from Southern Lebanon. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 229, and "aye" on rollcall votes 230 and 231.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, JUNE 1, 2000, TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight, June 1, 2000, to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, JUNE 1, 2000, TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight, June 1, 2000, to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, JUNE 1, 2000, TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2001

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight, June 1, 2000, to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

TELEPHONE EXCISE TAX REPEAL ACT

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 511, I call up the bill (H.R. 3916) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 511, the bill is considered read for amendment.

The text of H.R. 3916 is as follows:

H.R. 3916

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF EXCISE TAX ON TELEPHONE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to facilities

and services) is amended by striking subchapter B.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 4293 of such Code is amended by striking "chapter 32 (other than the taxes imposed by sections 4064 and 4121) and subchapter B of chapter 33," and inserting "and chapter 32 (other than the taxes imposed by sections 4064 and 4121)."

(2)(A) Paragraph (1) of section 6302(e) of such Code is amended by striking "section 4251 or".

(B) Paragraph (2) of section 6302(e) of such Code is amended—

(i) by striking "imposed by—" and all that follows through "with respect to" and inserting "imposed by section 4261 or 4271 with respect to", and

(ii) by striking "bills rendered or".

(C) The subsection heading for section 6302(e) of such Code is amended by striking "COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND".

(3) Section 6415 of such Code is amended by striking "4251, 4261, or 4271" each place it appears and inserting "4261 or 4271".

(4) Paragraph (2) of section 7871(a) of such Code is amended by inserting "or" at the end of subparagraph (B), by striking subparagraph (C), and by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (C).

(5) The table of subchapters for chapter 33 of such Code is amended by striking the item relating to subchapter B.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to amounts paid pursuant to bills first rendered more than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment printed in the bill is adopted.

The text of H.R. 3916, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 3916

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS EXCISE TAX.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to facilities and services) is amended by striking subchapter B.

(b) PHASE-OUT OF TAX.—Paragraph (2) of section 4251(b) of such Code (defining applicable percentage) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—The term 'applicable percentage' means—

"(A) 2 percent with respect to amounts paid pursuant to bills first rendered on or after the 30th day after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph and before October 1, 2001, and

"(B) 1 percent with respect to amounts paid pursuant to bills first rendered after September 30, 2001, and before October 1, 2002.".

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 4293 of such Code is amended by striking "chapter 32 (other than the taxes imposed by sections 4064 and 4121) and subchapter B of chapter 33," and inserting "and chapter 32 (other than the taxes imposed by sections 4064 and 4121)."

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